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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF M-72'S FROM NORWAY
TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. NORWEGIAN MOD OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED DOD THAT GOY HAS MADE FORMAL REQUEST TO PURCHASE FROM NORWAY'S RAUFOSS MUNITIONS FACTORY 50,000 TO 100,000 M-72 LIGHT ANTI-TANK WEAPON (LAW) MISSILES. GON OFFICIAL NOTED THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS ACQUIRED M-72 LAUNCHERS OVER PAST YEARS AND THAT USG APPROVED SIMILAR TRANSFER TO GOY IN 1970. M-72 MISSILES ARE PRODUCED IN NORWAY UNDER TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE SOLD BY USG UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) PROCEDURES.

2. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE PREPARED TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST ONCE USG STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS (CONTAINED SECT. 3(A) OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT (FMSA), AS AMENDED) REGARDING THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF FMS-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT ARE MET. WE
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SEE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS REQUEST FROM STANDPOINT OF CUR-

RENT US-GOY MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY, SINCE US ARMY CONSIDERS M-72 TO BE OBSOLETE ANTI-TANK WEAPON AND UTILIZES ONLY TOW AND DRAGON. IN VIEW OF USG-GOY DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE YUGOSLAVS MADE THIS REQUEST TO NORWAY, WE DO NOT KNOW IF THAT REQUEST STILL STANDS.

3. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE PROCEEDING TO INFORM CONGRESS IN ADVANCE AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 3(A) OF FMSA THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST. IN ADDITION, WE MUST OBTAIN IN ADVANCE OF OUR APPROVAL TRANSFER ASSURANCES IN WRITING FROM THE GOY. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN SUCH ASSURANCES, IN LINE WITH FOLLOWING STANDARD TEXT: "THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA OF 50,000 TO 100,000 ROUNDS OF LIGHT ANTI-TANK WEAPON (LAW) MISSILES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA UNDERSTANDS THAT SINCE THESE MISSILES ARE PRODUCED IN NORWAY UNDER A TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE SALE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA HEREBY GIVES ITS CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE MISSILES WHICH IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. (FORMAL CLOSE)

4. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN ABOVE ASSURANCES ARE

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